

**Camden Energy Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 5, 2010**

Des started the meeting discussing the importance of being consistent with taking minutes at every meeting. The minutes will be forwarded to the town office and then to the committee with the agenda a week prior to the energy committee meetings.

Des then went into the “next Steps for wind in Camden...”

Leonard: Started off asking if Ragged Mountain Wind could sell to Fox Island Utility.

Action Item: Des: will ask George Baker if this will be possible.

Des then went through his Q&A that he had recently with George Baker. (There was inconsistency on who received the email to Des from George)

Action item: Des will redistribute

There was discussion about how to roll this out to the community.

Leonard: How can we get support of the community when we don’t even know that the permitting costs will be?

Jeff Kuller: How do we test the water when we don’t know that water? Jeff went through something similar Ragged Mtn Redev.

Leonard: We can test the support of the community though the planning board.

An analogy was stated: We built a car, now you drive it...

Jim Mays: How do we get \$300 k for permitting? This will be the biggest challenge with getting the project off the ground..

There was discussion about the possibility of a Community and Economic Development Director in Camden. Could this person help find money for wind grants?

Leonard: Alternative energy should be on the job description of the new development director.

Des: Discussed three town wind board to capture the \$300k to get the project to the next step.

This needs to go from a town committee to a three town community group, this takes the government and some of the politics out of the project.

Pete: This project will be in the hands of the people on this new board.

There was discussion on how these new members would be appointed to how they would come forward.

Leonard: What will be discussed with Select Board, Net metering or the Constellation approach.

It was discussed that net metering would not be brought up to the SB, CEP is primary..net metering is a distant second.

Anita asked what a CEP was: Answer: an investor or utility who'll buy all of the energy produced from the turbines, the provider would sell all of the energy back to the community at a consistent rate.

Suggestions to George Baker:

This board would have three participants from the other three towns to collaborate with the planning board in the construction of wind ordinances.

The Camden Energy Committee would like to make the following suggestions to the Camden Select Board:

1. Hope, Rockport, and Camden should all become involved in exploring wind energy on Ragged Mountain.
2. Each of the three towns should name two members of a non-profit "Ragged Mountain Wind" board or their own name. Whoever they choose to nominate will begin the process of raising the needed funds to do the pre-permitting assessment work required.
3. Energy committee would offer to help with names for the Select Board to consider
4. EC would suggest that the Town of Camden name the newly appointed Community/Economic Development Director to this board.
5. EC would like to offer suggestions for the new wind ordinance being considered by the town planning board.

The next Camden Energy Committee Meeting is scheduled: April 19th, 5:30-7:30